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PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE 2nd MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 17 September 1991, at 5.40 p.m.

President: Mr. SHIHABI (Saudi Arabia)

- Election of the officers of the Main Committees

- Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences

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The meeting was called to order at 5.40 p.m.

ITEM 5 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I should like to inform members that the following representatives have been elected chairmen of the seven Main Committees of the Assembly and are accordingly members of the General Committee for the forty-sixth session:

First Committee:	Mr. Robert Mroziewicz (Poland)
Special Political Committee:	Mr. Nitya Pibulsonggram (Thailand)
Second Committee:	Mr. John Burke (Ireland)
Third Committee:	Mr. Mohammad Hussain Al-Shaali (United Arab Emirates)
Fourth Committee:	Mr. Charles Flemming (Saint Lucia)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Ali Sunni Muntasser (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Pedro Comissario Afonso (Mozambique)

I congratulate the Chairmen on their election and wish them every success.

ITEM 6 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, we shall now proceed to the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

All members of the General Assembly are eligible in this election except those already represented in the General Committee, namely, those countries whose representatives have been elected to the presidency of the General Assembly or to the chairmanships of the Main Committees.

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In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session shall be elected according to the following pattern:

(a) Six representatives from African States;

(b) Four representatives from Asian States;

(c) One representative from an Eastern European State;

(d) Three representatives from Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Two representatives from Western European and other States;

(f) Representatives of the five Permanent Members of the Security Council.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of annex VI to the rules of procedure, the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly by secret ballot will be dispensed with when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled. In other words, whenever the number of candidates in a given region corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in that region, those candidates will be declared elected. We shall proceed accordingly.

I shall now read the names of the candidates endorsed by the regional groups:

African States: Botswana, Guinea, Togo, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Zaire;

Asian States: Malaysia, Myanmar, Oman, Qatar;

Eastern European States: Ukraine;

Latin American and Caribbean States: Belize, Ecuador, Honduras;

Western European and other States: Australia, Italy.

Since the number of candidates endorsed by the regional groups corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in each region, I declare

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those candidates elected, in addition to the representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

The following States have therefore been elected to Vice-Presidencies of the General Assembly: Australia, Belize, Botswana, China, Ecuador, France, Guinea, Honduras, Italy, Malaysia, Myanmar, Oman, Qatar, Togo, Tunisia, Ukraine, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America and Zaire.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the States that have been elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

The General Committee for the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly has now been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

ITEM 8 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES (A/46/374)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will now turn its attention to document A/46/374, which contains a letter dated 20 August 1991 addressed to the President of the Assembly by the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences. As members are aware, the Assembly, in paragraph 7 of its resolution 40/243, decided that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicity authorized by the Assembly.

As indicated in the letter I have just mentioned, the Committee on Conferences has recommended that the General Assembly authorize the Governing

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Council of the United Nations Development Programme and its Standing Committee for Programme Matters to meet from 16 to 18 September 1991.

Bearing in mind that those dates overlap with the forty-sixth session of the Assembly, may I take it that the General Assembly adopts the recommendations of the Committee on Conferences?

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.

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PROVISIONAL VERBATIM RECORD OF THE 3rd MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Friday, 20 September 1991, at 10 a.m.

President: Mr. SHIHABI (Saudi Arabia)

- Organization of work of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of item: First report of the General Committee

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The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

ITEM 8 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK: FIRST REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE (A/46/250)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): This morning the Assembly will consider the first report of the General Committee, which has been circulated in document A/46/250. I shall refer to specific sections and paragraphs of the report which contain recommendations for consideration by the Assembly.

We shall begin with section I, "Introduction". The General Committee, in paragraph 2, draws the attention of the General Assembly to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII of its rules of procedure.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of those provisions?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to section II of the report, which deals with the organization of the session.

In section II B, dealing with the rationalization of work of the General Assembly, the General Committee draws our attention to paragraph 5 of the annex to Assembly resolution 45/45.

In this connection, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that, as at recent sessions, the holding of concurrent meetings of the Special Political Committee and Fourth Committee should be avoided, to the extent possible, and with the necessary flexibility, during the forty-sixth session.

May I take it that the Assembly agrees to that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In section II C, which relates to the closing date of the forty-sixth session, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the forty-sixth session should recess on Tuesday, 17 December 1991 and close on Monday, 14 September 1992.

May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In this connection, I wish to reiterate my appeal to all the Main Committees, without exception, that they should start their work as soon as possible so that they may be better placed to complete their work at the end of November in order to report to the Assembly in plenary meeting in early December.

May I take it that the Assembly endorses this appeal?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Regarding the schedule of meetings referred to in section II D, the General Committee, in paragraph 8, recommends that meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the forty-sixth session.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In paragraph 9, the General Committee also recommends that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive, at this session, the requirement of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and permit the debate to proceed and of at least one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation is made on the understanding that such

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a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure. Furthermore, such a waiver would not affect the provisions of the rules concerning the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): None the less, in this regard, I should like to endorse strongly the practical suggestions that were made at previous sessions, for each delegation to designate someone to be present at the scheduled time. Some progress has been reported, but there is still considerable room for improvement. I genuinely hope that all delegations will cooperate.

The General Committee, in paragraph 10, recommends to the General Assembly that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In this connection, I should like to assure the Assembly that I shall be in the Chair punctually at the scheduled time and I urge the Chairmen of the Main Committees to do the same. I sincerely hope that all delegations will make a special effort to cooperate in this regard.

In section II E, concerning the general debate, the General Committee recommends that the general debate should begin on Monday, 23 September, and end by Thursday, 10 October 1991. The General Committee also recommends that

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the list of speakers in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 25 September, at 6 p.m.

May I consider that the General Assembly approves the recommendations contained in paragraph 11?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In view of the very large number of speakers already inscribed, I urge representatives to make the statements in the order in which they appear on the list of speakers. Those who are unable to speak at the scheduled time will be put at the end of the list for that day.

In paragraph 12, the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at previous sessions, namely that the practice of expressing congratulations inside the General Assembly Hall itself after a speech had been delivered was prohibited and recommends that this provision should also apply during the forty-sixth session.

May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In this connection, in the same paragraph the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that speakers in the general debate, after delivering their statements, leave the Assembly Hall through Room GA-200, located behind the podium, before returning to their seats.

May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We shall now turn to section II F regarding explanations of vote, right of reply and length of statements. In paragraph 13, the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of the Assembly's decision 34/401.

I take it that the General Assembly takes note of those provisions?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In paragraph 14, regarding the length of statements, the General Committee draws the attention of the Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and to paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto, for appropriate action in plenary meeting and the Main Committees.

May I take it that the Assembly takes note of those provisions?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Section II G deals with records of meetings. May I take it that the Assembly approves the recommendations contained in paragraph 15?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The General Committee also draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401, which is reproduced in section II H, concerning concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees.

I take it that the General Assembly takes note of that provision?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Section II I of the report of the General Committee refers to questions related to the programme budget. In this connection, the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 12 and 13 of decision 34/401.

The Committee also draws the Assembly's attention to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which deals with proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings, and to regulation 4.9 of the Regulations governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, annexed to General Assembly resolution 37/234.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of the provisions contained in paragraphs 17 and 18?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Section II J refers to documentation. In paragraph 19 the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of the Assembly's decision 34/401 relating to reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of this provision?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In section II K, concerning resolutions, the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of the Assembly's decision 34/401, to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts and to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 45/45.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of those provisions?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Section II L relates to special conferences. The General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences, adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405, and to recommendations 2 (d) and 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts.

May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of those provisions?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In section II M, concerning meetings of subsidiary organs, the General Committee, in the light of recommendations submitted by the Committee on Conferences, recommends to the General Assembly that the following subsidiary organs of the Assembly be authorized to hold meetings during the forty-sixth session:

(a) Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

(b) Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

(c) Committee on Relations with the Host Country; (d) the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(e) Special Committee against Apartheid;

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(f) Special High-level Council for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

(g) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves those recommendations?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): That completes our consideration of section II of this report of the General Committee, which relates to the organization of the session.

We turn now to section III of the report of the General Committee relating to the adoption of the agenda.

May I just recall to members of the General Assembly rule 23 of the rules of procedure, which provides that:

"Debate on the inclusion of an item in the agenda, when that item has been recommended for inclusion by the General Committee, shall be limited to three speakers in favour of, and three against, the inclusion."

I should like to stress that at this time we are not discussing the substance of any item.

In paragraph 28, in connection with item 46 of the draft agenda (Iraqi aggression and the continued occupation of Kuwait in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations), the General Committee recommends that the wording of the item be amended to read: "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait".

May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In paragraph 29, concerning item 76 of the draft agenda (Question of the Malagasy Islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India), the General Committee recommends that the consideration of the item be deferred to the forty-seventh session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

May I take it that the Assembly approves those recommendations?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In paragraph 30, concerning item 105 of the draft agenda (Question of East Timor), the General Committee recommends that the consideration of this item be deferred to the forty-seventh session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

May I take it that the Assembly approves those recommendations?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to the agenda the General Committee recommends for adoption by the General Assembly.

In accordance with past practice we shall follow the numbering given in paragraph 31 of the General Committee's report (A/46/250) and shall consider together several items in groups, where that seems appropriate. I should like to remind members once again that at present we are not discussing the substance of any item except when such discussion can assist the Assembly in deciding whether or not to include an item in the agenda.

Items 1 to 6 have already been acted upon in plenary meeting. Therefore, their inclusion has been approved.

We come now to items 7 to 23. May I take it that these items are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The next item, item 24, is entitled "The situation in Cambodia".

May I take it that item 24 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We come now to items 25 to 27.

May I take it that items 25 to 27 are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We come now to item 28, entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte".

May I take it that item 28 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Next, we turn to item 29, entitled "The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security".

May I take it that item 29 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): May I take it that item 30 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Next we turn to item 31, entitled "The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives".

May I take it that item 31 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): May I also take it that item 32 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The next item, item 33, is entitled "Question of Palestine".

May I take it that item 33 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): May I take it that item 34 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to item 35, entitled "The situation in the Middle East".

May I take it that item 35 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to items 36 and 37.

May I take it that items 36 and 37 are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to item 38, entitled "Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council".

May I take it that item 38 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to item 39, entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)".

May I take it that item 39 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The next item, item 40, is entitled "Question of peace, stability and cooperation in South-East Asia".

May I take it that item 40 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Item 41 is entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986".

May I take it that item 41 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn next to item 42, entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations

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and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security".

May I take it that item 42 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Item 43 is entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development".

May I take it that item 43 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn next to item 44, entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations".

May I take it that item 44 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to item 45, entitled "Question of Cyprus".

May I take it that item 45 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Item 46 is entitled "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait".

May I take it that item 46 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now invite members to turn to items 47 to 68 relating to disarmament.

May I take it that items 47 to 68 are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): May I also take it that items 69 to 75 are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to item 76, entitled "Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations".

May I take it that item 76 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now come to items 77 to 91 relating to international cooperation.

May I take it that those items are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to items 92 to 98 relating to social and humanitarian questions.

May I take it that those items are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn next to items 99 to 103 relating to Non-Self-Governing Territories.

May I take it that items 99 to 103 are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to the group of items dealing with administrative and financial questions, items 104 to 123.

May I take it that those items are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to items 124 to 135.

May I take it that these items are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn next to items 136 to 139.

May I take it that these items are included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The next item, item 140, is entitled "Exploitation of the environment as a weapon in times of armed conflict and the taking of practical measures to prevent such exploitation".

May I take it that item 140 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to item 141, entitled "Observer status for the Caribbean community in the General Assembly".

May I take it that item 141 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to item 142, entitled "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba".

May I take it that item 142 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The next item is item 143, entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations".

May I take it that item 143 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now come to item 144, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly".

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May I take it that item 144 is included in the agenda?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to the question of the allocation of items, dealt with in section IV of the report of the General Committee. In this connection, in paragraph 32 the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401, which states:

"Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

In the same paragraph the General Committee draws the Assembly's attention to paragraph 5 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 39/88 B whereby the Chairmen of the Main Committees should take the initiative, in the light of past experience, to propose the grouping of similar or related items and the holding of a single general debate on them, and to paragraph 6 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 45/5 whereby the General Committee, in making recommendations as to how agenda items should be allocated to the Main Committees and the plenary meetings of the General Assembly, should ensure the best use of the expertise of the Committees.

The modifications indicated in paragraph 33 are reflected in the proposed allocation. We shall therefore consider them when we come to the relevant items under paragraph 34.

Before we proceed, may I remind members that the item numbers refer to the agenda in paragraph 31 of the report before us, namely, document A/46/250.

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I now invite members to turn to the list of items recommended by the General Committee for consideration in plenary meetings.

Regarding item 19 on the list, the General Committee recommends in paragraph 33 (a)(i) that the Assembly should refer to the Fourth Committee chapters of the report of the Special Committee relating to specific Territories so that the General Assembly may deal in plenary meeting with the question of implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

May I take it that the Assembly adopts this recommendation?.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now invite members to turn their attention to item 37, entitled "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa". In this connection, as stated in paragraph 33 (a)(ii), the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and of national liberation movements recognized by that organization would be permitted to participate in the discussion in plenary meeting and that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves the recommendation of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now invite members to consider item 39, entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)". In this connection, as stated in paragraph 33 (a)(iii), the General Committee decided to recommmend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and

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individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Fourth Committee in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

May I take it that the General Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now invite the General Assembly to turn its attention to paragraph 33 (a) (iv), regarding item 45, entitled "Question of Cyprus".

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly allocate the item at an appropriate time during the session.

May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now invite members to turn to paragraph 33 (a) (v), regarding item 141, entitled "Observer status for the Caribbean Community in the General Assembly".

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to paragraph 33 (a) (vi) regarding item 142, entitled "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba".

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Next we turn to paragraph 33 (a) (vii) concerning item 143, entitled "Strengthening the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations".

The General Committee decided to recommend that the item be considered directly in plenary meeting.

May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Taking into account the decisions just adopted regarding allocation of specific items for consideration in plenary meeting, may I now consider that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the items listed in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee for consideration directly in plenary meeting?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to the list of items which the General Committee has recommended for allocation to the First Committee.

In connection with item 60, entitled "General and complete disarmament", the General Committee recommends in paragraph 33 (b) that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 60.

May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Taking into account the decisions just adopted, may I take it that the General Assembly approves the

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allocation of the items proposed for the First Committee in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to the list of items which the General Committee has recommended for allocation to the Special Political Committee.

Taking into account the decisions just adopted, may I consider that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the items proposed for the Special Political Committee in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to the list of items which the General Committee has recommended for allocation to the Second Committee.

May I consider that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the items proposed for the Second Committee in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to the items proposed for allocation to the Third Committee.

In paragraph 33 (c) (i), regarding item 95, "Advancement of women", the General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 82, "Operational activities for development".

May I take it that the Assembly approves that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will turn now to paragraph 33 (c) (ii), regarding item 98 (a), "Implementation of human rights instruments". The General Committee decided to recommend that, in the light of resolution 45/135 of 14 December 1990, a plenary meeting should be held on Monday, 16 December 1991, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Taking into account the decisions just adopted, may I take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of the items proposed for the Third Committee in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to the list of items recommended for allocation to the Fourth Committee.

We turn now to paragraph 33 (d) concerning item 102, "United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa". The General Committee decided to recommend that this item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

May I take it that the General Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Taking into account the decision just adopted, may I take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of items to the Fourth Committee as proposed in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to the list of items recommended for allocation to the Fifth Committee.

Regarding item 112, entitled "Joint Inspection Unit", the General Committee recommends in paragraph 33 (e) of its report that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-mattters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

May I take it that the General Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Taking into account the decision just adopted, may I take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of items to the Fifth Committee as proposed in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Next we come to the items recommended for allocation to the Sixth Committee.

We turn now to paragraph 33 (f) of the report of the General Committee, regarding item 140, "Exploitation of the environment as a weapon in times of armed conflict and the taking of practical measures to prevent such exploitation". The General Committee decided to recommend that this item should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

May I take it that the Assembly adopts that recommendation?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Taking into account the decision just adopted, may I take it that the General Assembly approves the allocation of items to the Sixth Committee as proposed in paragraph 34 of the report of the General Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of the first report of the General Committee.

I wish to thank the members of the General Assembly for their cooperation, which made it possible for us to complete this task expeditiously.

Each Main Committee will receive promptly the list of agenda items allocated to it so that it may begin its work as soon as possible, in accordance with rule 99 of the rules of procedure.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I wish to appeal to the Chairmen of regional groups to present to the Chairmen of the Main Committees and to the Secretariat as soon as possible the candidatures approved to fill vacancies in the Bureaux of the respective Main Committees.

I also want to remind representatives that we shall start our work punctually every day.

The meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.